

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, July 23, 2013**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the minutes of July 16, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for July 30 and August 6, 2013.

2. **MD Department of Agriculture** (*Mark Smith, Agronomist*)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the FY2014 Cooperative Agreement between the Maryland Department of Agriculture and St. Mary's County for the Control and Eradication of Noxious Weeds (JohnsonGrass, Shattercane, Thistles and Multiflora Rose). Motion carried 5-0.

3. Department of Public Works and Transportation (*George Erichsen, Dir.*)

(Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator for Leonardtown)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the joint letter of support to the State Highway Administration for the MD Route 245 Sidewalk Project as presented by staff on behalf of the Leonardtown Town Council. Motion carried 5-0.

4. County Attorney (*George Sparling*) **and Dept. of Public Works**
(*George Erichsen, Director*)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the First Amendment to the Project and Maintenance Agreement with the State of Maryland regarding the Carter State Office Building. Motion carried 5-0.

5. St. Mary's County Public Schools (*Dr. Michael Martirano, Superintendent of Schools; Brad Clements, Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Operations*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Material Placement and Ingress and Egress Agreement with the Board of Education of St. Mary's County. Motion carried 5-0.

(Gregg Nourse, Assistant Superintendent of Finance/Human Resources; Kelly Hall, Executive Director of Elementary Schools and Title I)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the FY2014 grant action as submitted and approved by the St. Mary's County Board of Education on July 10, 2013, for revenue and expenditures for the Head Start program in the amount of \$1,650,981. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morgan requested a response to the July 7, 2013 letter relative to the statement of \$250,000 expenditures.

Commissioner Morris asked that precautions be taken to ensure that there are no grave sites in or around the egress route of the property.

6. Sheriff's Office (*Captain Hall; Erin Shoemaker, Fiscal Manager*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Sheriff's Office Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the State Aid Police Protection Program FY2015, Project MD1430, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the hard copy of said Grant Application, Estimated Expenditures Form #2 and the Sworn Officer Roster Form #3. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Department of Aging and Human Services (*Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Cynthia Brown, Human Services Division Manager; Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Emergency Solutions Grant Application, US1456, from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services in the amount of \$135,000 to support homeless shelters and services for St. Mary's County residents. Motion carried 5-0.

8. County Administrator (*Dr. Rebecca Bridgett*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to appoint the following persons to Boards, Committees, or Commissions with the terms to expire as indicated.

Ethics Commission

John Minichino, III, Alternate Member (Partial Appointment) 06/30/14

Human Relations Commission

Leisha Wood (Reappointment) 06/30/17

Joshua Brewster 06/30/17

Motion carried 5-0.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (SMECO): SOUTHERN MARYLAND RELIABILITY PROJECT UPDATE

Present: Joe Slater, President and CEO

Ken Capps, Senior VP of Engineering and Operations

Tom Dennison, Government and Public Affairs Director

SMECO representatives presented an update on the installation of connector lines to connect Hewitt Road Station in Lexington Park with Sollers Wharf station in Calvert County to ensure service reliability for Calvert and Saint Mary's Counties by allowing SMECO to feed electricity in either direction so that an outage in one spot doesn't necessarily affect service to people further down the line. The process of drilling under the Patuxent River to install the pipeline to link the counties and the route the transmission lines will follow once in St. Mary's County was explained. It is anticipated that drilling operations for the first of two bore sites, will begin September 9, 2013, operating Monday through Saturday 12 hours per day for a 6-week period. Immediately following the drilling operation, installation of the pipe line will require operating 24 hours per day for 2 days. Drilling for the second bore site is anticipated to commence October 30, 2013, utilizing the same operation schedule. SMECO is striving to ensure sound mitigation for residences in the area during the drilling phase of the project. Once transmission lines are pulled through the pipeline, overhead line installation will begin in St. Mary's County. The overall project completion date is the end of 2014.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation matter. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Litigation

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)8
Time Held: 11:09 am – 11:25 am
Subject: Litigation

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)